

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. General Ne Win again
takes over in Burma

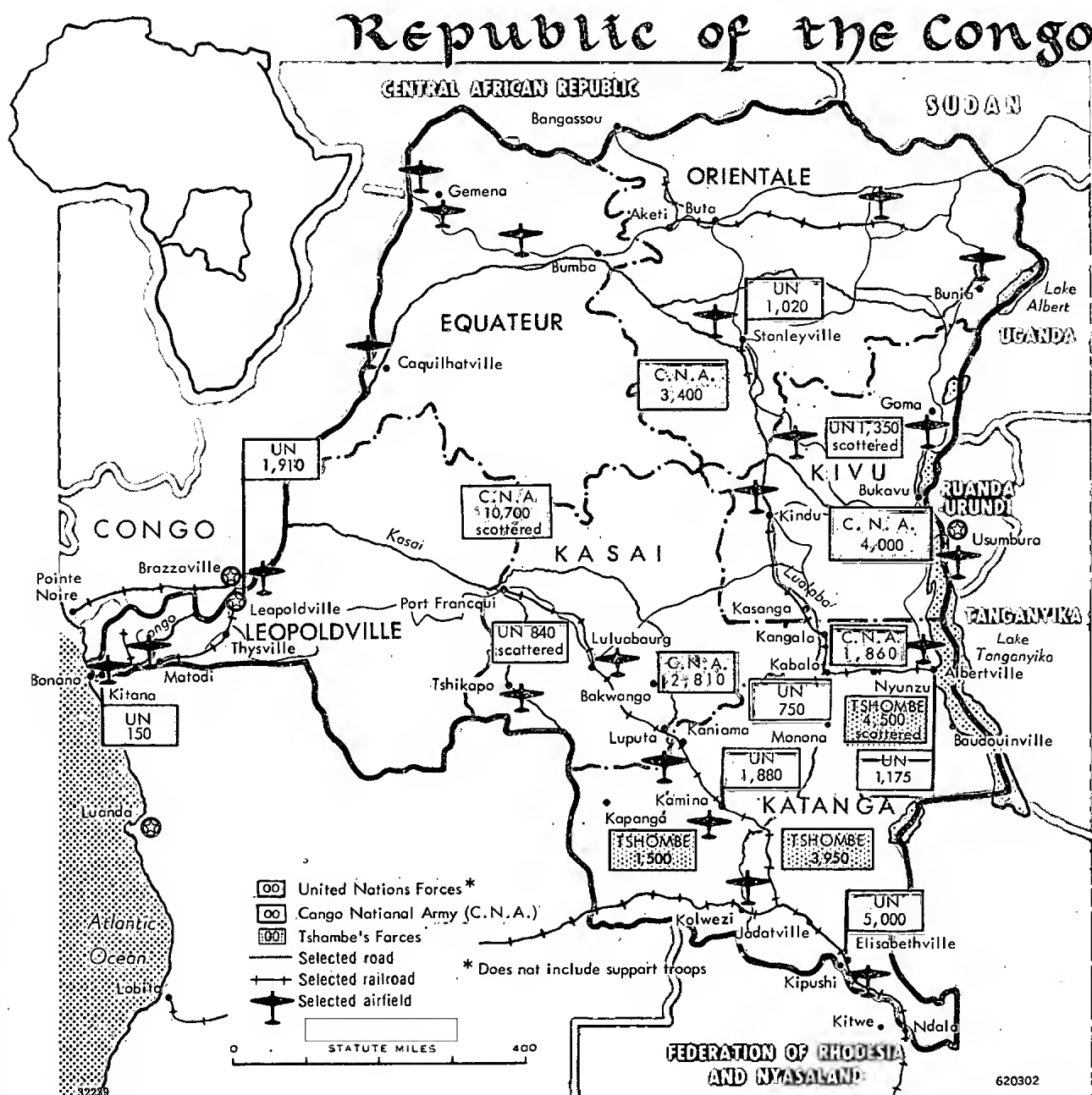
a. The military chief has announced formation of a revolutionary council consisting of 16 officers with himself as chairman. The status of U Nu and his cabinet is not yet clear but initial reports indicate some are under house arrest. Embassy Rangoon reports order prevailing in the city and no evidence of armed resistance.

b. Regarding the motives for army action at this time our Embassy speculates that a primary factor was concern arising from the unsatisfactory trend in current discussions between the government and state leaders concerning the latter's demands for federalism.

2. Diem to shift senior
military officers

[redacted] in
the wake of Tuesday's incident and
implementing an earlier plan to re-
organize the armed forces command,
would bring his field operations
and First Corps commanders back to
Saigon as chief and chief of staff
respectively of the Joint General
Staff. The shift, while placing
two of South Vietnam's best officers
in top staff positions, would also
remove them from direct troop command.
In the past both have been critical
of Diem's administration. Meanwhile,
the Viet Cong has stepped up military
operations after a month-long decline.
Last week a large force ambushed a
government detachment in central
Vietnam; Tuesday a Communist battalion
inflicted heavy casualties on a Civil
Guard company southwest of Saigon and
yesterday government forces reportedly
suffered additional casualties in a
clash northeast of Saigon.

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3. Congo

a. Generals Mobutu and Lundula accompanied by the UN commander arrived in Albertville Wednesday. Adoula and his interior minister are [redacted] to observe the situation in Katanga and then proceed to Stanleyville. The Tshombe-UN truce in Elizabethville is under constant strain as a result of UN military elements pressing for action and Tshombe's subordinates working to undermine any agreement with Adoula.

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b. Ambassador MacArthur reports concern in Belgian circles that Tshombe is engaged in a power struggle with his extremist opponents and sees an early meeting with Adoula as the best hope for breaking the impasse.

c. Tshombe is still waiting for UN security assurances before scheduling a firm date for meeting Adoula.

d. The anti-American demonstrations before our Leopoldville Consulate yesterday were without incident.

e. Gizenga, still under detention on a Congo river island [redacted]

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4. West New Guinea

Subandrio has given us "unqualified confirmation" of Djakarta's readiness for secret talks without conditions in a third party presence. He sees the third party primarily as a "helpful bystander" and expects to come up with a list of suggested candidates shortly.

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NOTES

A. The two Soviet transports which filed outward bound flight plans for the Berlin northern corridor this morning proceeded on schedule and no incidents have been reported.

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C. 50X1

The Portuguese North Atlantic Council representative has flatly rejected our proposal for economic action against Cuba.

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- E. OAS [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] prepared for prolonged guerrilla warfare. OAS strategy to goad the Moslems into retaliatory violence appears to be having some success. 50X1
- F. We have nothing new to report on Laotian negotiations for a coalition government. General Phoumi has taken his family with him to Bangkok [REDACTED] 50X6

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